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The regular meeting of the Council of the Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2005 and called to order by Mayor E. W. Linley at 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT WERE: Mayor E. W. Linley, Councillors Gord Campbell, John Fullerton, David Ratz, Gil Reeves, Archie Roach, Kent Weber and Dale Wedgwood; and Clerk Deborah Tonelli.

ALSO PRESENT: Cathy Jensen, MNDM; Treasurer Sandra Leach; Assistant Clerk Beverly Eagleson.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

05-05-01 THAT we adopt the **minutes** of the Regular Meeting of Council held
G. Reeves Wednesday, February 9, 2005, as circulated.
D. Wedgwood CARRIED.

05-05-02 THAT **By-law #05-08**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the
J. Fullerton Municipality of Huron Shores to **Adopt the Minutes** of the Council
G. Campbell Meeting held on February 9, 2005, authorizing the taking of any action
authorized therein and thereby, was read a first, second and third time and
passed in open Council this 23rd day of February, 2005. CARRIED.

ADOPTION OF ACCOUNTS

05-05-03 THAT we approve payment of the **General Accounts**, excluding items of
K. Weber Pecuniary Interest, for the period from February 10 to February 23, 2005
D. Ratz in the amount of **\$71,638.15**. CARRIED.

DELEGATIONS AND PETITIONS

Cathy Jensen of the Ministry of Northern Development and Mines attended to give a presentation on **the “Prosperity for the North Program”** announced by Minister Bartolucci. The plan lays out the following four fundamental pillars to pursue economic and community renewal in Northern Ontario.

- Strengthening the North and its communities - by developing Northern Ontario Grow Bonds pilot project, investing \$285 million in highway expansion and rehabilitation projects, other transportation investments, increasing the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation expenditures and working with northern municipalities on Provincial Land Tax reform;
- Listening to, and serving northerners better - by establishing northern development councils as a direct link to the Minister, expanding on E-consultation initiatives and strengthening the voice of Northern Ontario;
- Competing globally - by launching a \$10 million Go NORTH international marketing initiative to attract investment that promotes innovation and growth in existing and new sectors and working with the new Ontario Mineral Industry Cluster Council to grow new value-added industry and
- Providing new opportunities for all - by forging better and new partnerships with First Nations and Far North communities and expanding opportunities for youth employment and entrepreneurship

The six programs under the Northern Prosperity Plan are:

1. Enterprises North Job Creation Program
2. Northern Ontario Youth Internship and Co-op Program
3. Northern Ontario Young Entrepreneur Program
4. Small Business Energy Conservation Program
5. Emerging Technology Program
6. Infrastructure and Community Development Program

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BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

Clerk informed Council that the Iron Bridge Agricultural Society will be meeting on March 2nd and will discuss the **stage** purchased by themselves and the Ambassador of Huron Shores Program. The Society will advise her accordingly.

Tunnock Consulting provided a **re-draft** of a portion of the **Draft Official Plan** this date by email this afternoon. Staff have not had an opportunity to review. Copies will be provided to Councillors Campbell, Fullerton and Ratz for their review.

GENERAL BUSINESS - Reports and Action

Treasury

Treasurer Leach provided Council with a **Comparison of Assessment Totals** by Property Class, for 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004 and 2005. There is concern whether the Requests for Reconsideration awarded last year have been reflected properly on the 2005 Assessment Roll or whether they reverted to the incorrect values.

Treasurer also reported that the **Community Reinvestment Fund** (which is our largest source of Provincial funding) allocation for 2005, is based on 2002 expenditures which is expected to create a shortfall in funding requirements. AMO has requested that the CRF be reconciled to actual program costs for 2003, 2004 and 2005. Councillor Wedgwood reported that this concern was addressed at the OGRA Conference and although the Ministry of Finance was not present at the conference Premiere McGuinty announced that they were going to be taking a close look at the program.

05-05-04 THAT **By-law #05-09**, being a by-law of the Corporation of the
G. Reeves Municipality of Huron Shores to levy certain **interim rates, taxes and**
G. Campbell **charges** for the year 2005, was read a first, second and third time and
passed in open Council this 23rd day of February, 2005. CARRIED.

Interim Tax Bills will be mailed next week.

The auditor completed the **on-site audit** on February 16 and 17.

Treasurer Leach provided the following information -

- preliminary figures for 2004 Supplementary and Write-offs, (with 4 outstanding Assessment Review Board Appeals to be heard and 108 Requests for Reconsideration to be considered, showing total assessment at risk)
- 2004 totals paid for School Boards, Home for Aged, OPP, ADSAB and MPAC
- Investments as of December 31, 2004
- Dollars allocated in Reserves showing 2004 surplus figures added to those reserves
- a report on Ontario Home Renewal Program information from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding collection of delinquent and unpaid loans, with recommendation to proceed as discussed with Council
- Status of number of properties involved at various stages of tax sale proceedings.
- a list of priority treasury department work including Interim Tax Billing, preliminary 2005 budget work with requests to departments, boards and committees for budget request, tax sale proceedings and Municipal Performance Measurement Program report preparation

Planning

Final Consent for severance was received on File No. 57-C-040004.

Clerk

The Clerk's report included:

- **Council Honouraria Survey** of local municipalities from Township of Tarbutt. Council asked that this item be placed on the March 9th agenda in order to provide direction for 2005 budget deliberations.
- Information from **Wage Survey** is still being received and compiled
- Information regarding **JEPP Grant** adjustment
- Information on **GeoSmart** Initiative
- **Health and Safety** Workshop in Sault Ste. Marie to be attended by Pam Walsh

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- **Building Services Course** in Sudbury March 7 to 12 cancelled – No Instructor
- Clerk's meeting on February 24th.
- Report and recommendations on **Organizational Review**

Councillor Reports

Councillors Ratz and Fullerton brought forward a request from the **Day & Bright Recreation** and Community Centre Board to change the name of the committee **to include Heritage**. There is some interest in the committee to investigate heritage projects. It was suggested that the Committee might qualify for funding through heritage programs should they become available, if there is a group interested in carrying out this mandate. Clerk asked if Council wanted to consider establishing a Heritage Committee for the entire municipality that would carry the mandate of looking into heritage inventory and/or projects and perhaps appeal to interested taxpayers to make their interest known. Councillor Ratz advised that Day & Bright Hall Board would not likely want to commit beyond the Ward 2 jurisdiction and asked if Council could consider the name change now and determine establishing a board at a later date. Council asked that Clerk prepare a resolution for the next meeting to initiate the name change.

Mayor Linley reported on the **Thessalon Rural Water Services Agreement** Committee, meeting held Feb.16/05 with the Town of Thessalon and attended by himself, Councillors Weber, Eldner and Fullerton. Members of the committee, representing both municipalities discussed recommendations received from the respective solicitors and will take further information back to the solicitors to seek a common ground for an agreement.

8-2. GeoSmart Initiative

05-05-05
A. Roach
G. Reeves THAT we, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores, support the East Algoma **GeoSmart** revised funding applications committing this Municipality to a cash contribution in the amount of \$13,000.00 and an in kind contribution in the amount of \$5,000.00 for a total of \$18,000.00. CARRIED.

05-05-06
J. Fullerton
D. Ratz THAT we, the Council of The Corporation of the Municipality of Huron Shores, authorize the East Algoma **GeoSmart** Committee and partnered entities to proceed with discussions with the Wawa model partners, to determine final governance issues, costs and participation in ADMAS. CARRIED.

There was some discussion on methods and time it would take to gather and plot various types of information. Councillor Campbell asked if purchase of a **plotter** was included in the application. Clerk advised that due to funding approval being less than dollars applied for, the plotters had been removed from the funding request. Councillor Campbell advised that not having a plotter defeats the purpose of having this hardware and software available to us. Clerk provided background information on the application and funding. Council asked that a plotter be added to 2005 budget deliberations.

8-3. Municipal Drainage Plan

Council advised that to date, we have not received

- a) information from the Municipal Drainage Superintendent regarding with regards to implementing a 5-year maintenance plan for **municipal drains**, or
- b) information requested for work done with regard to drainage on Walker Road and Walker Lane. Council asked that Clerk write a letter to the Drainage Superintendent seeking an answer to these queries.

Councillor Wedgwood reported that a new funding program established for financial assistance for municipal drains was announced at the OGRA convention. While the program follows the framework of the old program, there have been some changes implemented. The program allows for 2/3 funding assistance in Northern Ontario. There will be workshops in the near future to relay the program criteria.

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05-05-07 THAT we authorize Clerk Tonelli to write a letter to Colin Trivers,
D. Ratz P. Eng., to obtain information on the **drainage on Walker Road** and
G. Reeves implementing a **Municipal Drainage Plan.** CARRIED.

Councillor Wedgwood also reported that a presentation at the OGRA Convention informed delegates that **changes to Bill 170 regarding drinking water regulations** are being drafted and will be circulated to Municipalities in the near future.

8-4. Organizational Review - draft provided by Councillor Ratz

There was discussion on entertaining having an **Organizational Review** conducted. Clerk Tonelli advised Council members that while she and staff do not object to having a review done, she did not recommend spending money on a consultant until we implement some policies and procedures that we have been working on since amalgamation, and until we have the pay equity plan which is currently underway completed. After some discussion, it was decided that Clerk Tonelli would provide Council with a list of items she would like to see in place prior to Council considering hiring a consultant to conduct an organizational review.

Due to other commitments, Councillor Reeves excused himself at 9:00 p.m. Mr. Reeves advised Council that he would be interested in attending the Municipal Councillor Training, Item 10-7 on the Agenda.

8-5. JEPP Funding - request for amendment

Clerk Tonelli advised that she had requested the **JEPP** program combine the dollars of the approved Generator and Electrical purchase in order to allow flexibility in the funding allocations for the components of the work, to prepare buildings for an emergency.

05-05-08 THAT we support the letter of request made to the Ministry of
D. Wedgwood Community Safety and Correctional Services, dated February 15, 2005, to
A. Roach combine the project descriptions for a **generator and electrics**, to allow
for flexibility in the funding allocation of those items. CARRIED.

8-6. Resolution - re: Dog Breed Ban Legislation (re: letter received from Myrna Barager on previous agenda) (Also see 10-10)

Council asked that Clerk Tonelli contact Ms. Barager to advise that we are reviewing and further investigating legislation relating to **banning breeding of some types of dogs**, prior to passing a resolution to support her letter that opposes breed banning.

8-7. Resolution - re: livestock kill

05-05-09 THAT we approve payment to Lenard Smith in the amount of \$500.00 for
K. Weber compensation in the **loss of one (N) cattle calf purebred saler**, as
J. Fullerton reported by Valuer Murray Cochrane in the Livestock Valuer's Report,
dated February 21, 2005;
AND THAT we make application for a grant to the Ministry of
Agriculture and Food in this amount. CARRIED.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR ACTION

9-1. Ministry of Tourism & Recreation / Regional Consultations on the Ontario Trails Strategy, Sault Ste. Marie ~ Tuesday, March 1, 2005.

05-05-10 THAT Mayor Linley be authorized to attend the Regional Consultation
D. Wedgwood for the **Ontario Trails Strategy** to be held in Sault Ste. Marie, Tuesday,
G. Campbell March 1, 2005;
AND THAT we pay all associated expenses. CARRIED.

9-2. Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority / objection to in-kind newspaper contribution from Canadian Newspaper Association and the Ontario Community Newspaper Association re: Blue Box Program.

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05-05-11

J. Fullerton

D. Ratz

THAT we support the resolution of Essex-Windsor Solid Waste Authority to petition the Minister of the Environment to amend approval of the **Blue Box Program Plan** and the 2005 Steward's Fees to eliminate the inclusion of in-kind newspaper advertising and require that the Canadian Newspaper Association (CAN) and the Ontario Community Newspaper Association (OCNA) provide their payment in cash like all other obligated stewards. **CARRIED.**

Councillor Ratz asked if we could consider purchasing blue boxes that could be given away throughout the year in order to promote recycling. Council asked that this be considered in conjunction with 2005 budget deliberations.

9-2.b AMO – Alert/Newspaper Stewards Special In-Kind Blue Box Contribution.

9-3. Northern Ontario Heritage Fund / Tally Ho Park funding agreement amendment.

05-05-12

D. Ratz

A. Roach

THAT Clerk and Mayor be authorized to sign the letter, dated February 11, 2005, signifying the agreement to amend Schedule C for the **Tally Ho Park funding agreement** File #40048 between the Municipality and NOHFC. **CARRIED.**

9-4. Northern Ontario Heritage Fund / Infrastructure Projects single sourcing request.

Clerk Tonelli reported on developments to date regarding **single sourcing request** in conjunction with Infrastructure Projects and that our request is being referred to the NOHFC audit committee.

9-5. Rick Casson Member of Parliament for Lethbridge Constituency / Private Members Bill C-273: An Act to Amend the Income Tax Act Regarding Volunteer Emergency Responders.

05-05-13

K. Weber

D. Ratz

THAT we support Member of Parliament Rick Casson in his campaign for support of Private Members Bill C-237, An act to amend the Income Tax Act regarding **Tax Deductions for Volunteer Emergency Responders**; AND THAT a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Finance Minister for Canada, Rick Casson MP, and Brent St. Denis MP. **CARRIED.**

9-6. Ministry of Agriculture / Appointment of Area & Municipal Weed Inspectors 2005

05-05-14

D. Wedgwood

A. Roach

THAT **By-law #05-10**, being a by-law to Appoint Tom Dumont as **Municipal Weed Inspector** for 2005, was read a first, second and third time and passed in open Council this 23rd day of February, 2005. **CARRIED.**

9-7. Blind River Development Corporation / Algoma Country Advertisement for Historic Trails.

05-05-15

A. Roach

D. Ratz

THAT we contribute \$212.50 towards the **North Channel Historic Trails** advertisement to be placed in the Algoma Country 2005 issue. **CARRIED.**

9-8. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines / Upcoming Call Centre Event.

LETTERS & COMMUNICATIONS FOR INFORMATION

10-1. Northern Ontario GPS Treasure Hunting / Purchase of Caches ~ Initiating "Geocaching" Tourism – Economic Development

10-2. Town of Midland / Veterans Licence Plate Program - exemption for expired time at a meter or expired time at a municipal parking lot in the downtown core.

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- 10-3. County of Frontenac / request that Minister of Labour amend Employment Standards Act to exempt paramedics from eating period requirement.
- 10-4. Township of Hilton / Effect on Reduced Assessments on 2004 Levy
- 10-5. Municipality of Kincardine / Resolution #2005-54 Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority Annual Levy
- 10-6. Minister of Northern Development and Mines / invitation to Prospectors and Developers Association of Canada Annual Convention and Trade Show.
- 10-7. AMO / Effective Municipal Councillor Training Program - April 14, 15, North Bay.

05-05-16

K. Weber

J. Fullerton

THAT Councillor Reeves be authorized to attend Module 2 of the Effective **Municipal Councillor Training** Program 2005 to be held April 14/05 in North Bay;

AND THAT we pay all associated expenses.

CARRIED.

- 10-8. Iron Bridge Lioness Club – Thank you.
- 10-9. Algoma/Cochrane/Manitoulin/Sudbury – District Health Council
- 10-10. AMO / AMO Responds to Dog Breed Ban Legislation
- 10-11. AMO / AMO Responds to Source Water Implementation Committee
- 10-12. COMRIF / An Open Letter to COMRIF One Applicants
- 10-13. City of Elliot Lake / Support Resolution – Delivery of Club 90 Programs Supporting Adult Mentally Ill
- 10-14. AMO / Resolution - Oxford County – Tsunami Relief Assistance from Ontario Municipalities
- 10-15. Sci-Tech Ontario / Youth Science Festival Month
- 10-16. UnionGas / Executed Franchise Agreement.
- 10-17. Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing / new Provincial Policy Statement.
- 10-18. Algoma/Cochrane/Manitoulin/Sudbury District Health Council – Come Celebrate 30 yrs of Community Involvement in Health Care Planning

05-05-17

J. Fullerton

D. Ratz

THAT we do adjourn at 9:34 p.m.

CARRIED.

MAYOR

CLERK